



# RECREATION OPPORTUNITY GUIDE

## Olympic National Forest

<http://www.fs.usda.gov/Olympic>



### Medium Trails near Quilcene

**Recommended Season**  
SPRING SUMMER FALL WINTER



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The following “Medium Trails” are located on the northern portion of the Hood Canal Ranger District. These trails range from 3 to 7 miles in length and they provide opportunities for moderate day hikes or short overnight backpack trips.

**TRAIL CLOSURES:** Motorized vehicles and mountain bicycles are prohibited on the following trails except for the Lower Big Quilcene Trail. Campfires are not allowed above 3,500 feet and groups consisting of more than 12 people are prohibited inside Buckhorn Wilderness. Treat all water before using. Pack-It-In & Pack-It-Out.

#### **DEER RIDGE TRAIL #846**

**ACCESS:** 14 miles southwest of Sequim on Forest Service Road #2875.

**LENGTH:** 5.2 miles. **GRADE:** 35% maximum. **ELEVATION:** 2,540' to 5,230'.

**SETTING:** Trail goes through conifer forest with splendid views of Olympic Peaks at the higher elevations. Trail goes into National Park and ends at Deer Park Campground.

**OPPORTUNITIES:** Hiking, backpacking, viewing scenery and viewing wildlife.

**NOTE:** Recreation Pass NOT REQUIRED at trailhead.

#### **LOWER BIG QUILCENE TRAIL #833**

**ACCESS:** 7 miles south of Quilcene on Forest Service Road 27-080.

**LENGTH:** 6.2 miles. **GRADE:** 10-15%. **ELEVATION:** 1,200' to 2,500'.

**SETTING:** Nice easy forested walk above and near Big Quilcene River. Several camping areas at Bark Shanty and Camp Jolley.

**OPPORTUNITIES:** Hiking, backpacking, horseback riding, trail bike riding, mountain biking and fishing.

**NOTE:** Recreation Pass REQUIRED at trailhead.

#### **MT. TOWNSEND TRAIL #839**

**ACCESS:** 15 miles west of Quilcene on FS Road #2760 and FS Road #190.

**LENGTH:** 5.3 mile to Mt. Townsend summit. **GRADE:** Up to 20%. **ELEVATION:** 2,850' to 6,200'.

**SETTING:** Forested hike opening into spectacular view of the Olympics. Wildflowers are abundant during summer months.

**OPPORTUNITIES:** Day hiking, backpacking and horseback riding.

**NOTE:** Recreation Pass NOT REQUIRED at trailhead.

Additional trails on other side

### **NOTCH PASS TRAIL #831**

**ACCESS:** 3.5 miles from Quilcene off Penny Creek Road, on FS Road #010.

**LENGTH:** 4.3 miles.

**GRADE:** 15-20%.

**ELEVATION:** 500' to 2,500'.

**SETTING:** Second-growth forest, trail connects with Lower Big Quilcene Trail #833 at the bridge above Bark Shanty Camp. Trail follows route used by Native Americans for many years and was constructed in the 1930's by CCC crews. Nice view of mountains from the road.

**FACILITIES:** Small parking area. No toilet or water. Carry water.

**OPPORTUNITIES:** Day hiking and viewing scenery.

**NOTE:** Recreation Pass is NOT REQUIRED at trailhead.

### **SLAB CAMP TRAIL #838**

**ACCESS:** 12.5 miles south of Sequim on FS Road #2875.

**LENGTH:** 3.1 miles.

**GRADE:** 10-30%.

**ELEVATION:** 2,540' to 1,600'.

**SETTING:** Forested trail descending down to the Gray Wolf River.

**OPPORTUNITIES:** Hiking, backpacking, viewing scenery and viewing wildlife.

**NOTE:** Recreation Pass NOT REQUIRED at trailhead.

### **TUNNEL CREEK TRAIL #841**

**ACCESS:** 12 miles south of Quilcene on FS Road #2740.

**LENGTH:** 4.1 mi. to Harrison Lake; 4.7 mi. to ridgetop; and 7.9 mi. to Dosewallips River Road.

**GRADE:** Up to 20%. **ELEVATION:** 2,600' at trailhead to 5,050' at ridgetop and then dropping to 500' to the Dosewallips River Road.

**SETTING:** Trail extends along a small stream in a conifer forest leading to Harrison and Karnes lakes and the ridgetop. Views of Mt. Constance.

**OPPORTUNITIES:** Hiking, fishing, backpacking, viewing scenery and viewing wildlife.

**NOTE:** Recreation Pass NOT REQUIRED at trailhead.

Contact the Hood Canal District, Quilcene Office at (360) 765-2200 for current road and trail conditions.